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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO PRETRIAL DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) (a) The Court Support
- 2 Services Division shall conduct an ongoing, comprehensive analysis of:
- 3 (1) Profiles of alternative incarceration network clients, (2) service
- 4 needs and treatment levels of network clients, (3) program intensity
- 5 levels, (4) program discharge status and other predictors of recidivism,
- 6 (5) the baseline recidivism rate, and (6) the effectiveness of the
- 7 alternative incarceration network for pretrial and sentenced clients.
- 8 (b) The Court Support Services Division shall share data on a client
- 9 basis, a program basis and an aggregate basis with provider agencies
- 10 with which it contracts. Such data shall include, but not be limited to:
- 11 (1) Upon referral of a client, (A) the client identification number
- assigned by the division's automated information system, (B) the full
- 13 client assessment as determined by the division's client assessment
- 14 instruments including recommended treatment level for the client, and
- 15 (C) the status, whether pretrial or sentenced, criminal conviction and
- 16 sentence of the client, including docket numbers;
- 17 (2) On a quarterly basis, program data including (A) utilization rate

- and capacity, (B) satisfactory discharge rate, and (C) recidivism rate; and
- 20 (3) On an annual basis, aggregate program data including (A) utilization rate and capacity, (B) satisfactory discharge rate, (C) recidivism rate, and (D) performance outcomes. Such annual aggregate analysis shall combine the individual statistics of similar programs such as alternative incarceration centers to enable provider agencies to have a context for understanding their individual program statistics.
 - Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) A request for proposals issued by the Court Support Services Division for new and existing programs in the alternative incarceration network shall include comprehensive data analysis including, but not limited to: (1) A profile of the target client population including aggregate assessment data determined by the division's client assessment instruments, (2) program utilization and satisfactory discharge trends for the target client population and the program category or type, (3) the baseline recidivism rate, (4) predictors of rearrest among the target client population, and (5) measures for identified contract performance outcomes.
 - Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) (a) The Court Support Services Division shall develop a three-year strategic plan for the alternative incarceration network and the implementation of the evidence-based program strategy. The plan shall identify objective criteria and procedures for prioritizing the needs of alternative incarceration network clients and system expenditures based on the objectives of the alternative incarceration network and the goals of the offender reentry strategy developed pursuant to section 18-81w of the general statutes to (1) assist in maintaining the prison population at or under the authorized bed capacity, (2) promote the successful transition of offenders from incarceration to the community, (3) support the rights of victims, and (4) provide public safety.
 - (b) During the strategic planning process, the division shall examine

areas including, but not limited to, the following: (1) The current contracted capacity of the alternative incarceration network and the network's capacity to serve clients, (2) opportunities for network expansion including locations, types of programs and enhancements to existing programs, (3) client treatment levels, program intensity, risk and supervision levels based on client profile and baseline recidivism rates, (4) capacity of the contracted provider agency network to expand current services, enhance existing services and provide new services, (5) measurable objectives, and (6) resource allocation.

- (c) In examining the capacity of the contracted provider agency network to expand its services, the division shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the following: Municipal zoning and siting issues, local taxation issues, opposition from communities in which such expanded services would be provided, and the use of state bonding funds for the acquisition, expansion and improvement of alternative incarceration network facilities.
- (d) Not later than January 1, 2006, the division shall submit the strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the criminal justice system and to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2007, January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2009, the division shall submit an annual progress report on the implementation of the strategic plan to said committees in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
- (e) The strategic plan developed pursuant to this section shall be used to assist the Judicial Branch and the General Assembly in determining and prioritizing the expansion of the alternative incarceration network and the reinvestment of existing and new resources in the network of community-based treatment, vocational, educational, supervision and other services and programs under the offender reentry strategy developed pursuant to section 18-81w of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2005	New section

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